

April 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Sunday, April 1, 2007

- 8:00 a.m. - Walk - Bird Walk at Tamarisk Grove** **2 Hours**
Search for birds of the season in the area of Tamarisk Grove campground (including Yaqui Well) with Ranger Bob Theriault. Meet at the campground office, located on County Road S-3, near the junction with State Highway 78. Bring binoculars and sturdy shoes for this moderate stroll of up to 2 hours.
- 10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ -** **45 Minutes**
Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.
- 11:00 a.m. - Display - ♿ - Indian Use of Desert Plants** **2 Hours**
Stop by the visitor center and see the items made from desert plants. Volunteer naturalist Marge Hatcher will be available for questions about the garden plants around the visitor center and elsewhere in the desert.
- 2:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Wings over Anza Borrego Desert State Park** **30 Minutes**
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Monday, April 2, 2007

- 10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ -** **45 Minutes**
Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.
- 12:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Wings over Anza Borrego Desert State Park** **30 Minutes**
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- 2:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Ok, Now What Do We Do?** **1 Hour**
Whether you are a first time visitor or one who has not had the opportunity to visit sections of the park, join volunteer interpretive guide Ron Shugan for a slide show presentation meant to provide an overview of the many activities and sights of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. This series of slides will make you want to get out and visit some of the many wonders of California's largest state park. Meet in the visitor center discovery lab.

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April 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Tuesday, April 3, 2007

8:00 a.m. - Hike - Earthquake Valley Panorama

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists, Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund, for a moderate 4 mile hike up Plum Canyon to an overlook high over Earthquake Valley. Discover some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the entrance to Plum Canyon off Highway 78.

10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ -

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

1:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Desert Drug Store

30 Minutes

Join Naturalist Abby Barker to discover the Native American drugstore, the creosote bush. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ -

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

3:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Behind that Pretty Face is a Stealthful Killer

30 Minutes

The long-eared owl has several unique adaptations for survival. Join Volunteer Naturalist Beth Shugan and discover what makes this owl such a stealthy hunter.

8:00 p.m. - Campground Talk - ♿ - Ok, Now What Do We Do?

1 Hour

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April 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Thursday, April 5, 2007

7:30 a.m. – Walk - ♿ - Beginner's Bird Walk

1 Hour

Join Park Interpreter Steve Quartieri for an easy walk around the Visitor Center Garden looking for the common birds of our desert. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.

10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ -

45 Minutes

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10:00 a.m. – Walk - ♿ - Hardy Desert Survivors

45 Minutes

Join Naturalist Abby Barker as she introduces you to some unique and amazing hardy desert survivors in the garden, the desert plants. This is an easy walk around the visitor center garden.

1:00 p.m. - Talk ♿ - The Carrizo Railroad

1 Hour

Enjoy an armchair hike to visit the historic railroad and its present reconstruction effort. Meet Volunteer Naturalist Ron Shugan at the visitor center discovery lab.

Friday, April 6, 2007

7:30 a.m. – Walk - ♿ - Beginner's Bird Walk

1 Hour

Join Park Interpreter Steve Quartieri for an easy walk around the Visitor Center Garden looking for the common birds of our desert. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.

10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ -

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

11:00 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - Desert Drug Store

30 Minutes

Join Naturalist Abby Barker to discover the Native American drugstore, the creosote bush. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

2:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Wings over Anza Borrego Desert State Park

30 Minutes

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April 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Saturday, April 7, 2007

10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ -

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

10:00 a.m. – Talk ♿ - Don't Die in the Desert

45 Minutes

Ever wonder what to do if you get stranded out in the desert? Join Volunteer Naturalist Bill Barker as he gives great safety tips and real life adventure stories about being out in the desert on foot or in your car.

10:00 a.m. – Hike - Milling around Mine Wash

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Archeologist and Certified Naturalist Hank Barber for a fascinating and unforgettable trip to discover an ancient Kumeyaay village site at Mine Wash. During this adventure, we will visit a rock shelter, a ceremonial site, a mesquite grove, as well as see hundreds of bedrock mortars, slicks, basins, and rubs that were used for milling food. Meet in the outer area of the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring lunch, hat, and ample water. 2-Wheel drive is okay.

1:00 p.m. – Hike – Discovering the Archeological History of the Morteros

2 Hours

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archeologist and Naturalist Sam Webb to explore both rock art and historic milling features. This 1.5 mile hike is over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Morteros trailhead in Blair Valley, 3 miles off Highway S-2.

8:00 p.m. - ♿ - Campfire - Boulders, Palm trees and Water, Oh MY!

1 Hour

What happens when a 16 foot wall of water comes pouring out of Borrego Palm Canyon? Join Ranger Jennifer Rodriguez at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire center as she tells all.

8:00 p.m. - ♿ - Campfire - Freedom from Fear: Understanding Rattlesnakes

1 Hour

Rattlesnakes are fantastic and wonderful creatures, yet some people have an unreasonable fear of them... It's time to get over it! Join Park Ranger Vic Herrick at the Tamarisk Grove Campfire Center to discover the amazing world of the rattlesnake.

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Sunday, April 8, 2007

- 10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ - 45 Minutes**
Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.
- 2:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Wings over Anza Borrego Desert State Park 30 Minutes**
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Monday, April 9, 2007

- 7:30 a.m. - Walk - ♿ - Beginner's Bird Walk 1 Hour**
Join Park Interpreter Steve Quartieri for an easy walk around the Visitor Center Garden looking for the common birds of our desert. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.
- 10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ - 45 Minutes**
Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.
- 1:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Desert Hare or Our Furry Friends 1 Hour**
Come and discover the wildlife of the park with Volunteer Naturalist Rosemary McDaniel. Meet in the discovery lab.

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

- 10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ - 45 Minutes**
Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.
- 10:00 a.m. - Talk - ♿ - Desert-mart 45 Minutes**
Come stroll down the aisles of Desert-Mart with Volunteer Naturalist Hank Barber to discover how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicines. Focus is on the three most important plants: Agave, Creosote, and Mesquite.

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Wednesday, April 11, 2007

- 10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ - 45 Minutes**
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- 3:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Behind that Pretty Face is a Stealthful Killer 30 Minutes**
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- 8:00 p.m. - Campground Talk - ♿ - Ok, Now What Do We Do? 1 Hour**
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Thursday, April 12, 2007

- 10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ - 45 Minutes**
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- 11:00 a.m. - Talk - ♿ - Desert Drug Store 30 Minutes**
Join naturalist Abby Barker to discover the Native American drugstore, the creosote bush. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.
- 1:30 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Desert Hare or Our Furry Friends 1 Hour**
Come and discover the wildlife of the park with Volunteer Naturalist Rosemary McDaniel. Meet in the discovery lab.
- 6:30 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Native American Uses of Agave 1 Hour**
Daniel McCarthy, Anthropologist and Tribal Liaison with the National Forest Service, will kick off the festival with a presentation on the uses of agave by desert Indians. The presentation will be held in the Begole archaeological Center. Please bring your own chair.

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Agave Festival

Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, April 12, 13, and 15, 2007

The Kumeyaay and Cahuilla Indians in the Anza-Borrego desert harvested agaves this time of year.

The men and their sons would go to the agave fields and when the stalks were about one foot tall, they would harvest the hearts and roast them for several days in covered pits. They used rocks to line the pits and a wood fire to heat the rocks. Then they would fill the pit with agaves.

When the agaves were cooked, they feasted. The sweet meat of the agaves tasted like yams or squash and molasses.

This week you can participate in this ancient harvest and taste authentic pit roasted agaves.

Here's the schedule of events:

Thursday, April 12, 6:30 pm

Daniel McCarthy, Anthropologist and Tribal Liaison with the National Forest service, will kick off the festival with a presentation on the uses of agave by desert Indians. The presentation will be held in the Begole Archaeological Center. Please bring your own chair.

Friday, April 13, 8:00 a. m

Daniel McCarthy and Volunteer Archaeologists Sam Webb and Hank Barber will lead an all day adventure in the desert. We will actually harvest agave hearts, prepare the pit (located in the palm grove at the Visitor Center), light the fire and place the agave hearts in the pit for roasting. Please bring gloves, lunch, and ample water. There will be short hikes and a 4-wheel drive vehicle is required. Meet in the outer area of the visitor center parking lot.

Sunday, April 15, 1:30 p.m.

Now it's time to sample the roasted agaves. We will open the pit and prepare the agaves for tasting. This event will take place at the palm grove across from the visitor center. No ketchup necessary.

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Friday, April 13, 2007

7:30 a.m. – Walk - ♿ - Beginner's Bird Walk

1 Hour

Join Park Interpreter Steve Quartieri for an easy walk around the Visitor Center Garden looking for the common birds of our desert. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.

8:00 a.m. – Walk – Agave Harvest and Pit Roasting

All Day

Daniel McCarthy and Volunteer Archaeologists Sam Webb and Hank Barber will lead an all day adventure in the desert. We will actually harvest agave hearts, prepare the pit (located in the palm grove at the Visitor Center), light the fire and place the agave hearts in the pit for roasting. Please bring gloves, lunch, and ample water. There will be short hikes and a 4-wheel drive vehicle is required. Meet in the outer area of the visitor center parking lot.

10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ -

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Saturday, April 14, 2007

- 10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ - 45 Minutes**
Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.
- 11:00 a.m. – Talk ♿ - Bats - Myths and Marvels 1 Hour**
Join volunteer naturalist Norma Decker at the visitor center discovery lab for this intimate look at the wonders of bats.
- 1:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Wings over Anza Borrego Desert State Park 30 Minutes**
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- 8:00 p.m. – Campfire ♿ - Some Like it Hot! 1 Hour**
How do cacti survive in this harsh, desert environment? You will be surprised to learn that Cacti are found in other environments beyond the southwest. Find out more about this unique group of plants. Join Ranger Jeri Zemon at the campfire center at Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, April 15, 2007

- 9:30 a.m. - Auto Tour of Fish Creek - Water: a Tie to the Past 3 Hours**
Discover how water has influenced the shape, size and appearance of this desert environment. Meet at the entrance to Fish Creek on Split Mountain Road. High clearance, preferably 4-wheel drive vehicles recommended.
- 10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ - 45 Minutes**
Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.
- 10:00 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - Lifestyles of the Hot and Thirsty 1 Hour**
Cactus and succulents have some amazing adaptations that help them survive in extremely hot and dry climates. Join Volunteer Naturalist Don Rideout as he reveals some of the little-known facts about how cacti work overtime to stay alive. The most common cactus species of Anza-Borrego will also be discussed as we stroll through the Visitor Center garden.
- 1:30 p. m – Talk – Agave Roasting and Tasting 2 Hour**
Now it's time to sample the roasted agaves. We will open the pit and prepare the agaves for tasting. This event will take place at the palm grove across from the visitor center. No ketchup necessary.

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Monday, April 16, 2007

12:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Solar Cooking Demonstration

1 Hour

Solar energy - the old & new technology. Volunteer Naturalist Eleanor Shimeall demonstrates solar oven cooking and explains why this technology is so important. Meet at the visitor center amphitheater.

Saturday, April 21, 2007

10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ -

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

10:00 a.m. - Walk - Unsolved Mysteries of Mine Wash

1 ½ Hours

Little is known about the people who lived here over 200 years ago. Ranger Jeri Zemon will help you look for clues left behind at the remains of a Kumeyaay village site on this easy walk. Meet at parking area, 1.5 miles down Mine Wash, off of Highway 78.

8:00 p.m. - ♿ - Campfire - The Borrego Alphabet

1 Hour

An A-Z look at the plants, animals and places that make Anza-Borrego such an inviting park to visit. Join Park Ranger Bob Theriault at the Borrego Palm Canyon campfire center for this evening program.

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April 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Tuesday, April 24, 2007

8:00 a.m. Hike Earthquake Valley Panorama

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists, Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund, for a moderate 4 mile Hike up Plum Canyon to an overlook high over Earthquake Valley. Discover some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the entrance to Plum Canyon off Highway 78.

Saturday, April 28, 2007

10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ -

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

10:00 a.m. - Hike - Discovering the Archeological History of the Morteros

2 Hours

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archeologist and Naturalist Sam Webb to explore both rock art and historic milling features. This 1.5 mile hike is over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Morteros trailhead in Blair Valley, 3 miles off Highway S-2.

Sunday, April 29, 2007

11:00 a.m. - Talk ♿ - Bats - Myths and Marvels

1 Hour

Join Volunteer Naturalist Norma Decker at the visitor center discovery lab for this intimate look at the wonders of bats.

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DESERT SAFETY

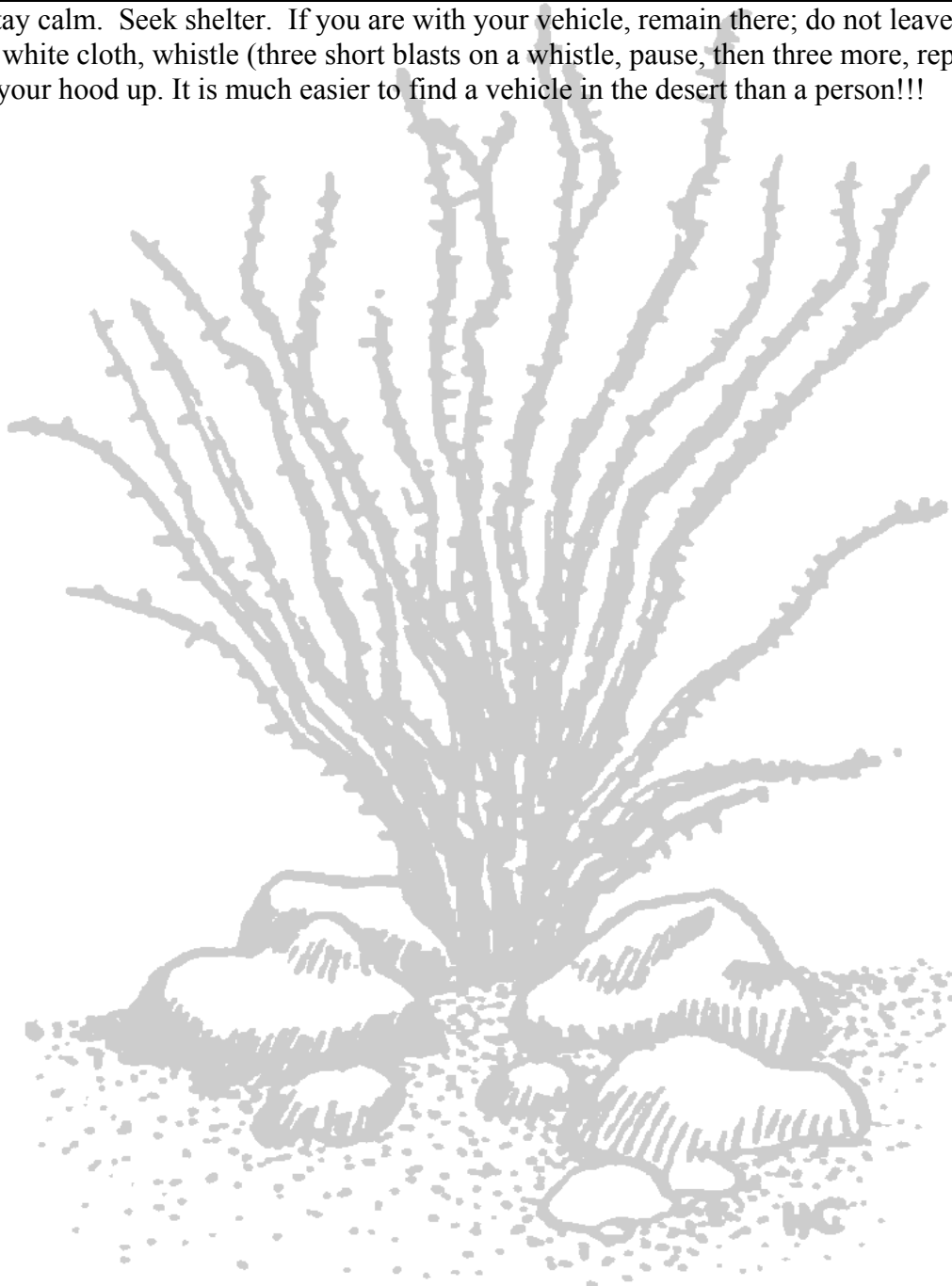
- ✓ **Carry water AND drink it**
Saving your water for the hike back has led to death in Anza-Borrego. Drink plenty of water before you leave home, while you hike, and on the return route. If you feel thirsty, it is already too late. Drink lots of water and drink often.
- ✓ **Make sure your vehicle is desert-ready.**
Equip your vehicle for the desert. You should always carry extra water, a shade tarp, a shovel, a tire pump, and extra food.
- ✓ **Prepare yourself.**
In addition to carrying water, you should have protective clothing, sunscreen, a hat, a good map, food and a first aid kit which includes a comb and tweezers.
- ✓ **Have a plan.**
Leave all your trip information with a friend. Tell him/her your destination, the route you intend to follow, your expected return time, a description of your vehicle with license plate number, and the time by which he/she should notify park authorities in case you do not return.
- ✓ **Do not split up the group**
Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.
- ✓ **Leave snakes alone.**
Many venomous snakes live in the desert. If you threaten them, they may strike. It is illegal to harass, catch, or kill any snake within Anza-Borrego. If bitten, remain calm and seek immediate medical attention.
- ✓ **When emergencies happen ...**

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Stop. Stay calm. Seek shelter. If you are with your vehicle, remain there; do not leave it. Signal with mirrors, white cloth, whistle (three short blasts on a whistle, pause, then three more, repeat frequently), and put your hood up. It is much easier to find a vehicle in the desert than a person!!!



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